



# BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘Quality Teaching - Quality Schooling’

TERM 2 NO. 6

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## DIARY DATES

### May

- 8-18 Scholastic Book Fair in  
Community Library
- 16 Governing Council 7.00pm
- 17 Foot Massage session in  
Community Library 2.00-  
3.00pm
- 18 Storytime in Library 9.30am  
Visit from Scotch College Year  
9 Lessons 1 & 2
- 19 SAPSASA District Cross  
Country at Burra  
She Leads conference in  
Adelaide
- 20/21 Goyder House Exeat weekend
- 22 World of Maths
- 23 Knitting Workshop in Library  
10.30 - 11.30am
- 25 Primary Assembly 9.00am in  
Drama Room
- 29 - 2 Work Experience week for  
Year 10
- 30 Community Library Board  
meeting

## TERM DATES 2017

Term 2	1/5/17	-	7/7/17
Term 3	24/7/17	-	29/9/17
Term 4	16/10/17	-	15/12/17

*Respect*  
*Honesty*  
*Responsibility*



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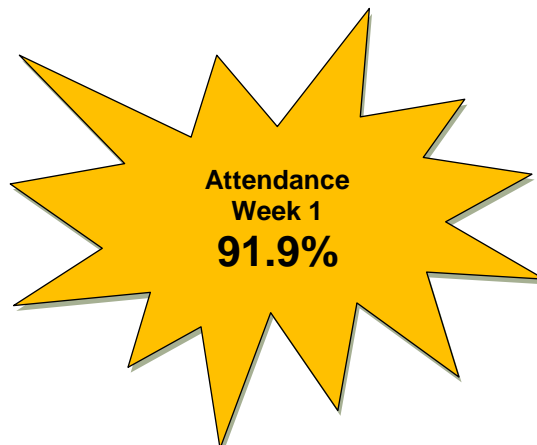
## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2! I know many families enjoyed short trips away to local regions and some were fortunate enough to travel overseas! Unfortunately an unwanted virus affected quite a few of our staff and other members of our community for much of the holiday break. They're on the mend now, however term 2 tends to be the start of colds and fevers, so rug up and stay well!

A special welcome to Mr Stewart Rhodes. Mr Rhodes joins our leadership team as Deputy Principal for the first five weeks of this term. As well as supporting staff and families with Student Behaviour Management and Wellbeing, Mr Rhodes will be leading the Learning, Design, Assessment and Moderation (LDAM) preparations at our site (ready for the Student Free Day in June), conducting some peer observations and teaching in the primary school.

Marie Noll joined us on Tuesday commencing a seven day placement (over three weeks). Marie is studying Certificate 3 in Education Support. Marie will work predominantly with Ms Millward in ICT on Tuesdays and Ms Low in the library on Thursdays, observing lessons and supporting individual students with learning tasks.

Jack Redden and Nicole Radford join our staff in week 3. Jack is a Fourth year graduate (Flinders University). He will be working across Years 5 – 12 from the start of Week 3 until the end of the term. Nicole (Charles Darwin University) starts her teaching placement in Ms Drew's 3/4 class for ten days over a four week period commencing on Friday of Week 3.



## A word on some upcoming events

### SAPOL presentation Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May

In Week 3 this term, Officers from SAPOL's Road Safety Section are once again visiting our school to deliver important presentations to our senior secondary students:

- Year 10 presentation – A guide to obtaining your L's & P's (60mins)
- Year 11 presentation – The Fatal Five (90mins)
- Year 12 presentation – Getting Home Safely (60mins)

Our commitment to providing young drivers with pertinent information about road safety continues in Week 5, when the Year 11 class will travel to Clare to attend a full day workshop, the annual RYDA (Rural Youth Driver Awareness) Day.

### World of Maths Day – Monday 22 May

This is an exciting event for students in Reception to Year 9. Throughout the day the team will run three hands on sessions in the Drama room:

- 9.00 am – 10.10 am R – 3
- 11.35 am – 1.05 pm Years 7 – 9
- 1.50 pm – 3.20 pm Years 4 – 6

*“The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various maths principles. The sessions are highly engaging which will show the children that Maths can be fun!”*

Parents are welcome to attend one of the above sessions. We will require parent helpers for session 1.

### LDAM – Learning Design Assessment and Moderation

On Wednesday of Week 1, Stewart Rhodes attended a conference on “Collaborative Moderation and STEM Learning” followed by a *planning* meeting with other leaders in our partnership. Our Student Free Day on Friday Week 6, is centred on LDAM. Staff will be working in like groups to look at task design, annotate work samples and develop success criteria.

This week is **National Volunteer Week**. Thank you to all members of our extended school community who give so generously of their time. We have many who help in the community library, those who regularly assist in the classroom and also the many parents who work in the school canteen. Certificates were presented to the following volunteers this week:

Trish Parsons, Alison Donhardt, Andrea Higgs, Elisabeth Gill, Leonie Mitchell, Michelle Booth, Dick Secomb, Julia Clarke, Emily Schuppan, Kareena Opperman, Jayde Thamm, Peggy Eastwood, Kate Wadlow, Mel Cooper, Kelly Bavistock, Mia Fowler, Chris Butler, Les Nicholls.

### NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been involved in NAPLAN testing this week, starting with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, followed by Reading on Wednesday and concluding with Numeracy on Thursday. If a student misses a part or all of the NAPLAN testing, they will be required to make-up the tests as soon as they return to school.

During the April School Holidays, Amber Williams enjoyed a week's Work Experience at Princess Royal Station. Amber was just completing inoculating 800 cattle when this photograph was taken by our Apprenticeship Broker, Mr Harry Moate.



### Communications

Prior to receiving this newsletter, families should have received letters about the upcoming World of Maths Day (R – 9), the series “13 Reasons Why” (7 – 12), and reports for students in Years 7 – 12. Please check with your child if you have not sighted these communications.

Some of you may be aware of the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why and the criticism surrounding the series. Since the series was released in March, many organisations and medical professionals have raised concerns over the content as the series does not meet the national media guidelines. The content is extremely graphic, with disturbing scenes, which may be difficult for impressionable minds to watch and process in a healthy way.

On Friday last week, a letter, prepared on behalf of the Executive Director Partnerships, Schools and Preschools, was sent home with all students in

Years 7 – 12. It is recommended that parents/caregivers have open and honest conversations with your child particularly if they express an interest in the series.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren's wellbeing, more information on this topic can be found at:

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Resource-library/Family-and-friends/Information-for-parents-and-carers-FAF-web.pdf>

### Bus issues

Students and parents are reminded that students travelling on buses must comply with the student conduct expectations. They need to listen to the bus driver and follow their instructions. Any inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and consequences will apply. Wearing seatbelts is compulsory and all students must remain in their seats whilst travelling on the bus to and from school. Students must get off buses and move directly onto the school grounds. They are not to go to the street in Burra unless they have written permission from their parents and this has been organised prior to the day.

Students requiring a bus pass to travel on a school bus must provide a note from their parents 24 hours prior to travel so this can be coordinated.

Please contact Mr Rhodes in the first instance re any bus issues.

### Uniforms

With the cooler weather just starting, it is time to get out the winter uniform to make sure your child has the appropriate items.

Jeans, leggings, black clothing, coloured jumpers etc. are not part of the school uniform. Please support your child by providing them with the correct school uniform.

Reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays only.

### Facebook

Were you aware that we have a Facebook page? You can find us and like us at [www.facebook.com/burracommunityschool](http://www.facebook.com/burracommunityschool). This is another way you can keep up to date with information about our school. The page has been set up to keep parents informed about current events happening at our school.

Please like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with the latest information!

The ADF will be holding their biannual Careers Expo in conjunction with the **Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo** on Friday 26 May and Saturday 27 May at The Adelaide Show Grounds. This is a free event and is open to the public.

Have a great fortnight!

**Kim Scott, Acting Principal**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
Friday 9th June

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school everyone. My name is Stewart Rhodes and for the first five weeks of this term, I will be the Acting Deputy Principal whilst Susan Hart is on leave. I have worked in many schools across the three states of Victoria, Northern Territory and South Australia in a variety of teaching and leadership roles. All of my schools have been rural and mostly remote locations. My wife Dianna and three children Amy, Saranna and Jayden live in Moonta and consequently attend Moonta Area School. My first week in Burra has been wonderful. The school is superbly presented and well resourced, and the students and the staff have been very welcoming and readily available when I have required assistance finding my way around a new site. I am really looking forward to the remaining four weeks and would like to thank the school and the community for bestowing upon me the opportunity of working at the Burra Community School.

**Stewart Rhodes**



Next week is Food Allergy Week and it is an opportunity for us to increase awareness of food allergy in the community to promote understanding and help those students at school and in our community who are at risk. The 2017 theme is **Be Aware. Show You Care.**

**Be Aware** is about raising awareness of the prevalence of food allergy in Australia, that in fact, one in ten babies born here will develop a food allergy. **Show You Care** is a call for community support.

As we have a number of students in our school community who suffer allergic reactions to various allergens, our site is an 'Allergy Aware' environment. Although many children outgrow their allergies, reactions to nuts, seeds and seafood tend to be lifelong (Allergy Capital 2003 Food Allergy – Overview cited in BCS Allergy Aware Guidelines, 2014). Symptoms of allergies range from mild to life-threatening – anaphylaxis.

With a number of students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts, Governing Council has made the following recommendation: *That parents and caregivers are encouraged **not** to send products containing nuts to school. These products include peanut paste, nuts, Nutella, Snickers and Picnic chocolate bars.*

Students in the primary school will be covering the topic of food allergies in their Health/CPC lessons over the coming week and the Senior SRC will be discussing ways to be involved in 'Food Allergy Awareness Week'.

**Deb Blight**

## SAPSASA WINTER HUB CARNIVAL

On Thursday 4th May, 21 students from Burra Community School were selected to participate in the SAPSASA Winter Hub Carnival at Blyth. It was a perfect day for all involved and the students represented Burra well.

Thomas Friebel, Reon James, Bailey James, Ray James-Dix, Ash Pearce, Jordan Van Gasteren and Will Wadlow were all selected into the Burra Hub Football team. The Burra Hub won 1 of their 3 games and played in the playoff for 3rd and 4th place. We won this game and took out 3rd overall for the day. The coach Gary Wilson stated that the boys all worked together well and were good sports all day. He mentioned that the Burra students were respectful, friendly and inclusive and a pleasure to coach.



The Netballers were mixed across 2 Burra Hub teams, playing with students from Saddleworth, Manoora and Riverton. All of the girls put in 100% and played as a team with girls they usually play against! Both of the teams were extremely successful only losing 1 of their 6 games, with Burra 1's loss only being to the Burra 2 team. This meant that we were tied for first place overall, along with one of the Clare teams. What a successful day! This shows how competitive our Hub is and the effort and commitment that has gone into the development of the girls.

Congratulations to all of the students who have been invited to trial for the Mid North District Team.



*Laura Hadley*

## ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



Junior Prefects Lauren Donhardt and Bradtke Stockman laying a wreath at this year's ANZAC Day Memorial Service at Market Square

## MUSIC



Our Music Culture is gaining momentum, with the Woodwind and Brass Programme now well underway! We are most fortunate, and appreciative of this amazing opportunity!

Instrumental Music Services – the DECD Music Department – provides a specialist Instrumental Music Teacher free of charge, face to face once a week, to 19 of our students, who have all given great feedback!

Mr Dom Meehan, an accomplished musician, is our talented Woodwind teacher, delivering tuition on Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute, and has this term taken over our Brass students - Trumpet and Trombone. Dom is a renowned Bagpipe player, and performs every year at the Edinburgh Tattoo!

*Kerry Davy*

## 'CELEBRATING OUR EMPLOYEES'

On Friday 28th April, a 'Celebrating our Employees Function' was held by DECD at the Convention Centre in Adelaide.

Gus Wenzel was presented with a certificate and pen for 50 years service to Public Education. Gus has been a part of Burra Community School since 1985 - a wonderful achievement.

Sue Langford was acknowledged on her retirement in 2015 with a certificate and book.

Congratulations to Sue and Gus from everyone at Burra Community School.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### May

15 Samantha Smart  
16 Anthea Lines  
17  
18 Elisabeth Gill  
19 Michelle Booth  
Trish Parsons

22 Emma Noble  
23 Anna Dunn  
24  
25 Kate Wadlow  
26 Cheryl Clonan

29 Jodie Hook  
30 Alison Donhardt  
31  
1 Louise Edwards  
2 Jodie Pearce

### June

5 Samantha Smart  
6  
7  
8 Jess Tiver  
9 **STUDENT FREE DAY**

### 12 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**

13 Mel Cooper  
14  
15 Peggy Eastwood  
16 Cheryl Clonan  
19 Laura Wedding  
20  
21 Kelly Bavistock  
22 Tessa Tiver  
23 Michelle Booth

26 Samantha Smart  
27  
28  
29 Mercuree Prime  
30 Trish Parsons

### July

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4  
5 Jacob Elliott  
6  
7 Julia Clarke

## CANTEEN SPECIALS

**\$5.00**

**Monday** Burra Bakery Sausage Roll and Hot Chocolate  
**Tuesday** Homemade Soup and Toasted Cheese Focaccia  
**Wednesday** Wedges with Sweet Chilli Sauce and sour cream  
**Thursday** Steak and Onion Burger  
**Friday** Baked Spud of the Week



**15 - 19 MAY 2017**



**FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2017**

### REMINDER

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

**Open Mondays and Thursdays only**



SCHOLASTIC  
**Book Fairs**

**Book Fair Monday 8th May - Friday 9am 19th May**

Books, posters, stationery & variety items available from \$1.00. The library receives free books as commission from book fair sales.

## Term 2, 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	W/E
1 <b>May</b>	1 PE Camp	2 PE Camp	3 PE Camp Authors visit to Community Library 2.00-3.00pm Tricia Stringer & Meredith Appleyard	4 SAPSASA Winter Hub Carnival Year 6 & 7  Storytime in Library 9.30am	5 Year 7-12 Reports go home	6/7 Antique Fair
2	8	9	10	11	12 NAPLAN Catch up day	13/4
Scholastic Book Fair in Community Library						
NAPLAN : Years 3,5,7,9						
3	15	16 Partnership Day at Burra Governing Council 7.00pm SAPOL Presentation	17 Foot Massage session in Library 2.00-3.00pm  SAPOL Presentation	18 Storytime in Library 9.30am Scotch College visit Year 9 Less 1 & 2	19 SAPSASA District Cross Country at Burra Years 4-7  She Leads [Year 10]	20/21 Exeat weekend
Scholastic Book Fair in Community Library						
4	22 World of Maths	23 Knitting Workshop in Library 10.30 - 11.30am Choir : Solo Auditions / Selections	24	25 Primary Assembly 9.00am Drama Room	26	27/28
5 <b>June</b>	29	30 Community Library Board meeting	31	1 Storytime in Library 9.30am	2 RYDA session at Clare for Year 11s	3/4
WORK EXPERIENCE : YEAR 10						
6	5 Foot Massage session in Library 2.00-3.00pm	6	7	8 Scotch College visit Year 9 Less 1 & 2	9 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	10/11 Exeat weekend
SAPSASA Football and Netball State Carnival Year 6 & 7						
7	12 <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY</b>	13	14	15 Storytime in Library 9.30am	16	17/18
8	19 Governing Council 7.00pm	20 Knitting Workshop in Library 10.30 - 11.30am	21	22 Primary Assembly 9.00am Drama Room	23 End of Semester 1	24/25
9	26	27 Choir : Compere Auditions / Selections	28	29 Storytime in Library 9.30am	30	1/2
SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer Carnival Year 6 & 7						
10	3	4	5	6	7	